



# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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## Mission Neighborhood Scavenger/Reflection

### Materials Needed:

1. Scavenger sheet, pen
2. Cell phone with camera to take 3 photos

### Learning Objectives:

- To enable space for students to have individual, internal reflection based on a sensory experience.
- To enable student to evaluate the meaning of gentrification and who it affects including thinking about how it may effect youth and mission residents.
- To challenge youth to go deeper in their service learning experience by visually evaluating social issues found in the mission.

### Overview

***Suggested time for this is late morning/mid-afternoon, daylight. Don't bring a backpack or anything to carry, if you can help it, no small bags/purses. Bring your phone (only for use when taking the photos required--be mindful of when/how you have your phone out, be safe first, always).***

***Please print this sheet and bring it with you for the walk. Please complete this individually (without a friend or companion) so that you're fully able to focus on your surroundings and how you respond to its subtle shifts. If you finish before the hour is up, feel free to wander/shop/eat in the area.***

### Please complete the following steps

- Find **Clarion Alley** (btwn Mission/Valencia/16/17 St) **take a photo** of your favorite mural
  - Reflect on one of the murals and what social issue it addresses. Does it affect you? Why/why not? What social issue is it addressing?
- Get a free chocolate sample from Dandelion Chocolate (740 Valencia) Take a photo ☺
- Count the coffee shops/boutiques between 19th-16th on **Valencia St** :::: \_\_\_\_\_
- What are two most common stores on **Mission St** between 19th-16th? **Take a photo of one of these shops** from outside. How do they compare to the shops on Valencia?

- Go into a produce market, find one fruit/vegetable and record its price
  - Item : \_\_\_\_\_ Price : \_\_\_\_\_
  - *If you can, at your local grocery, find the **same/similar** item. Compare prices.*
    - Item : \_\_\_\_\_ / Price : \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Take a photo of each items ++*
  
- Describe the different between the facades of the buildings for housing on Valencia versus the houses/buildings on Mission Street?
  - What makes them difference?
  
- Lastly, go to 16<sup>th</sup> and mission and wait for a few minutes at the bus stop with the 33 and 49 lines.
  - How is this bus stop different then a buss stop near campus at USF?
  - Is it similar to other bus stops elsewhere?
  - How does it make you feel?
  
- Take a photo of something that interests you that you've never noticed before.
  - Tell us why you noticed it? Why haven't you before?

**After you have finished your journey please take the time to get your 1-hour of service credit. You will get another 1 hour of service *for doing the next required portion and also you will fulfill 1 of your reflection requirement***

*Please write a 300-word reflection of this activity-Please include 3 photos:* a general mapping of your trail, elaboration on one of the above scavenger points, deeper reflection on ONE of your photos (include them all though!), and your thoughts on changes in the neighborhood and how it affects youth and mission residents. Lastly, please discuss the final question on the topic or thing you never noticed before and why.